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General News.

Jerome, Arizona, suffered a \$80,000 fire yesterday, the third within 12 months.

English capitalists have invested \$8,460,000 in cotton and yarn mills in Massachusetts.

The house of the Texas legislature has passed a bill fixing a tax of one percent on all personal incomes in excess of \$2,000 a year.

The labor troubles at Pana, Illinois, have come to an end. All negro laborers are to be discharged and only union miners employed.

As a result of ex-Senator Peffer's return to the Republican party, the Populists are calling him a traitor, the Democrats a political freak, and the Republicans think he is a pretty level headed old fellow after all.

At the request of the secretary of the Interior, Secretary Agor has agreed to order troops to the Moqui Indian reservation in Arizona to force the Indians to submit to vaccination. The troops will be sent from Fort Wingate, New Mexico.

Extensive improvements are being made by the Santa Fe Railroad company on the branch line connecting Deming with Silver City. Eight new overhead steel bridges will be put in and a contract has been let for three miles of new track just north of Whitewater.

The Missouri legislature has passed a bill putting a heavy tax on all classes of goods handled by department stores in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, which employ fifteen or more persons. It is said the constitutionality of the measure will be tested in the courts.

The following committee of arrangement for the Rough Rider's reunion at Las Vegas has been appointed. The members of the committee were all Rough Riders: W. H. H. Lowery, chairman; Messrs. Muller, Curry, Griffin, Coleman, Luna, Green, Kelly, Ballard, Dame of New Mexico, Day of Indian Territory; Alexander of Arizona; and McGinnis of Oklahoma.

Diplomatic relations will be resumed between this government and that of Spain, on June 1, next, when Minister Bellamy Storer will reach Madrid and present his credentials at the royal palace. Duke d'Archos, the new Spanish minister, will arrive here about the same time that Minister Storer reaches the Spanish capital, and present their credentials simultaneously.

The situation in Havana is causing great anxiety. The majority of the Cuban army still refuses to surrender their arms to the Americans and uncertainty as to the action of the Washington government leaves Brooke's arrangement for the handing over of the arms to Cuban mayors, in the air. The feeling of Cubans is too bitter to let them give much ear to the pacific proposals of Gomez.

Ex-United States Senator W. A. Peffer, one of the founders of the Populist party, and who for years was considered the chief exponent of Populism, has returned to the Republican fold. The apparent settlement of many of the questions which were the cause of the organization of the old Alliance contributed to the change in the political attitude of Senator Peffer. In an interview on the 18th, last, Mr. Peffer said: "I have always been a Republican except on one main question, the money question. That seems to have settled itself now. The Populist party has been eliminated nationally by the Democrats; those of us who don't want to flop by ourselves will have to vote our convictions as best we can. The old simple pure Alliance man who left the Republican party never was headed for the Democracy and he is not now."

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The American Climatological Association met this month in New York and spent the time of the convention in discussing the benefits derived by residence in the Rocky mountain region of Colorado and New Mexico, by consumptives. One prominent physician said that the disease was more easily checked in this section than elsewhere, because there is so much light in the atmosphere, where clouds are rare. It was argued that intense light increases the amount of haemoglobin in the blood and improves the general health of patients. Regarding it on ranches was denounced by one physician because the food to be had there is designed for people with hearty appetites due to labor, and because the consumptive is apt to overtax his strength. This physician recommended living in well ventilated tents in reach of good food and staying out of doors whenever possible. All physicians expressed confidence in dry climate favorably affecting pulmonary sufferers. Dr. S. E. Solly said that experiments proved that when animals under bell glasses are subjected to various pressures corresponding to the changes of altitude the number of red corpuscles increases as pressure decreased, thus establishing that red corpuscles increase at an altitude. Other physicians stated that kidneys of people living in the dry country are healthier as a rule than those of residents of other localities. The cattle from arid regions could be distinguished at slaughter houses after death by the fine condition of their kidneys. Many papers were read showing that experiments and experiences bear out the claim that this region of altitude, dryness and sunshine is the healthiest part of the Union.—New Mexican.

The news from Manila says that the Filipinos are whipped to a finish, and willing to accept peace on any kind of terms. It has certainly been an easy matter for the Americans to whip the Filipinos wherever they could find them, but the great difficulty has been to find them. It is not a sure thing now that the war is ended but for the sake of the boys who are doing the fighting we hope so. The climate of the Philippines seems to be a great deal more fatal than the bullets of the insurgents. A dispatch from Manila Monday says: A meeting took place this morning between the Philippine commissioners negotiating peace and the members of the United States commission. The latter presented a scheme of the government that McKinley would establish pending the action of congress. The natives are to be represented by an advisory council elected by their people and probably on the bench and in the chief departments of the administration. It is unofficially stated that Green Gomez, a member of the Philippine commission and one of Aguinaldo's cabinet, considers the scheme liberal.

The Cuban arms question is apparently nearing a complete and final settlement. Today Governor General Brooke and General Gomez had what both considered a final interview on the question of surrendering arms. The Cuban commander and Brooke went over the order for payment of money which was signed by the governor general Sunday but not published. Every word and phrase was re-examined and nothing changed. Gomez said he was entirely satisfied and felt convinced the order met all objections which had been raised, not only by himself, but also those outside his councils.

The American line steamer Paris ran on the rocks off Lowlands Point, near Coverack, Cornwall, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, while on her way from Southampton via Cherbourg, to New York. All the passengers and cargo were unloaded, but it is not thought that the Paris can be refloated.

The czar's peace conference at the Hague is holding its sessions behind closed doors, every effort is being made to preserve the secrecy of the deliberations. Only delegates and secretaries are admitted to the precincts of the Huis Ten Bosch (what-ever that is).

Admiral Schley met with an enthusiastic reception at Omaha. He was the guest of ex-Senator Manderson. He visited Denver yesterday.

The transport Sherman sailed from San Francisco for Manila, Monday, with the sixth infantry, General Fred Grant in command.

It is reported that the ex-Empress Eugenia died on the 20th, at Naples.

The Texas anti-trust bill is ready for the governor's signature.

AZTEC ITEMS.

Memorial Day will be observed here in an appropriate manner.

Bert Gartin of Durango gave a photographic entertainment on Tuesday night. A good sized crowd attended and spent a pleasant evening. Mr. Gartin kindly donated the proceeds to the Aztec Mance fund.

Little Ray Morrison who has been ill with scarlet fever is rapidly recovering.

Dr. E. G. Condit has been appointed examining surgeon for pension claimants.

C. G. Brewer and Al Hubbard went to Durango for freight this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Phipps of Farmington visited Aztec last Saturday.

E. D. Sharp and family have moved to Durango. Mr. Sharp has accepted a position with the firm of Brachvogel & Co.

Mrs. Dan Sullivan of Bloomfield spent Monday in this place.

L. C. Grove went up to his ranch on the reservation Monday, presumably to sow some wild oats or other garden truck.

Mrs. J. L. Bailey of Way Cross, Georgia, a sister of Mrs. C. M. Noble, arrived on Wednesday's stage. She was summoned on account of the illness of Mrs. Noble.

Memorial Day at Aztec.

The following is the programme:
The old soldiers will form on Main street at 10:40, and march to the church.

1. Music.....By the Choir
2. Prayer.....Rev. E. A. Gable
3. Music.....By the Choir
4. Song.....By Sons and Daughters of Veterans
5. Address.....Rev. Wm. Endie
6. Music.....By the Choir
7. Address.....Judge Pendleton
- Adjournment for Dinner.
8. Decoration at the Cemetery at 2 o'clock p. m.

By a vote of two to one at a popular election Tuesday, the name of the town of Boy in this territory, was changed to Garland.

New Mexico will benefit considerably from the opening of the Ute reservation. The day is rapidly approaching when the Indian will be forced to an equality with the white man, given the rights of citizenship and compelled to become a self-sustaining individual instead of being a pampered pensioner on the government.—Opinion.

To those interested in a Summer Vacation.

The last official bulletin, just issued for the National Educational Association at Los Angeles, California, announces the following cheap rates of one first class fare plus two dollars, round trip. Stop overs allowed going and returning. Tickets on sale from June 25 to July 8, inclusive; good for return September 1, 1899. Any information gladly furnished by.

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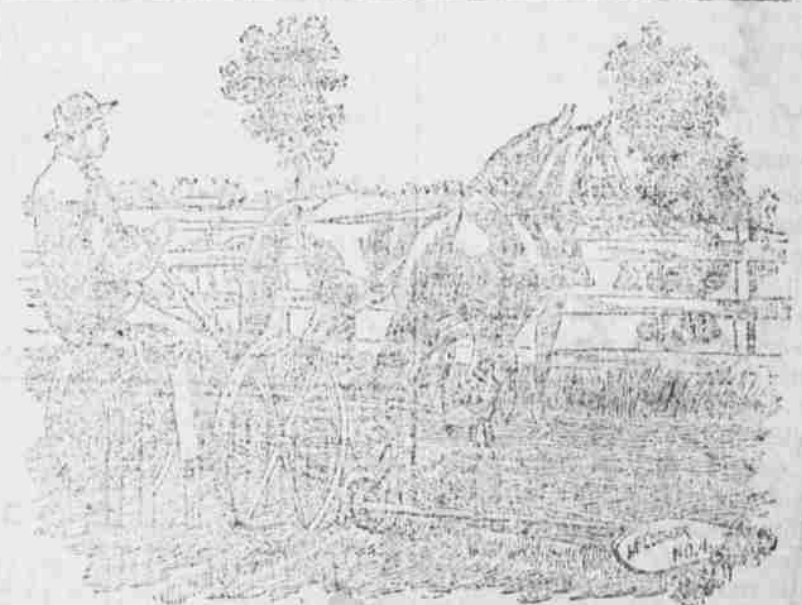
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